

## **STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 28**

### *\$500,000 in Stimulus Funds to be Spent on Ants*

- Arizona State University has received a grant from the Nation Science Foundation totaling \$500,000 in Stimulus funds to study “the genetic differences between queen and worker ants.”
- ASU vice president of research and economic affairs, Rick Shangraw, notes that the ant study will preserve two jobs for “this fiscal quarter.” Meaning, the stimulus is spending \$250,000 per job saved per quarter year. By that math, the stimulus will need to spend \$1 million to save a single job for a full year.
- This week’s waste watch and two previous waste watches have combined to spend nearly 4 million in taxpayer dollars on turtles, bats and ants, rather than on *creating* new jobs.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, taxpayer funds would not be spent to research the genetic differences between queen and worker ants. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:  
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>

#### **Sources:**

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